



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5019**

LCO No. 5081



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE-CENT TAX ON SINGLE-USE  
PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) For the purposes of  
2 this section:

3 (1) "Single-use carryout bag" means a bag made of plastic, paper or  
4 other material that is provided by a store to a customer at the point of  
5 sale, customarily without a fee, and that is not one hundred per cent  
6 recyclable. "Single-use carryout bag" does not include any of the  
7 following: (A) A bag provided by a pharmacy to a customer  
8 purchasing a prescription medication, (B) a nonhandled bag used to  
9 protect a purchased item from damaging or contaminating other  
10 purchased items when placed in a one hundred per cent recyclable  
11 bag, a compostable bag, a recycled paper bag or a reusable bag, (C) a  
12 bag provided to contain an unwrapped food item, or (D) a nonhandled  
13 bag that is designed to be placed over: (i) Articles of clothing on a  
14 hanger, or (ii) a newspaper.

15 (2) "Store" means a retail establishment that meets any of the

16 following requirements: (A) Is a full-line, self-service retail store with  
17 gross annual sales of two million dollars or more and that sells a line of  
18 dry groceries, canned goods or nonfood items and some perishable  
19 items, (B) contains not less than ten thousand square feet of retail space  
20 that generates sales or use tax in accordance with title 12 of the general  
21 statutes, (C) is a convenience food store, foodmart or other entity that  
22 is engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods, generally  
23 including milk, bread, soda and snack foods, or (D) is a convenience  
24 food store, foodmart or other entity that is engaged in the retail sale of  
25 goods intended to be consumed off the premises.

26 (b) (1) On and after October 1, 2019, no store shall provide or sell to  
27 any customer at the point of sale a single-use carryout bag at a cost of  
28 less than five cents.

29 (2) Any funds collected by a store pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
30 subsection shall be deposited with the Commissioner of Revenue  
31 Services who shall provide for the deposit of such funds into the  
32 account established pursuant to section 23-15h of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To encourage consumer use of reusable bags.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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